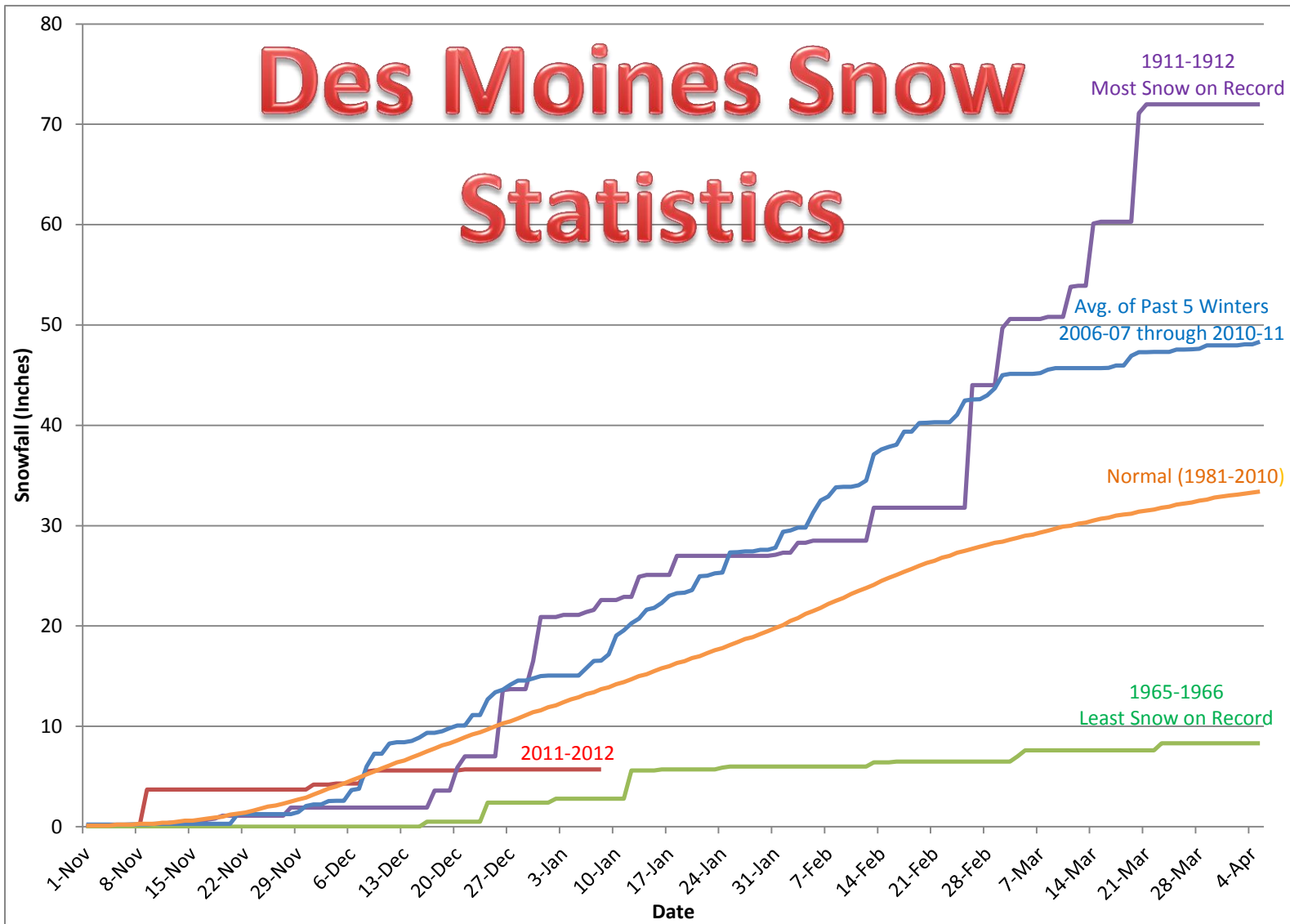




Des Moines Snowfall



It is now creeping into the middle of January and central Iowa has still not seen much in the way of snowfall. Since November, Des Moines has only received 5.7 inches of snow, which is well below normal. The past five winters have been well above normal in snowfall, making this year feel even “less snowy” than climatology would suggest. Below is a chart giving a graphical representation of where this year stacks up amongst the snowiest, least snowy and normal values. The average snowfall of the past five winters is also included for comparison.



Although we are well below normal, we are not close to the pace set in 1965-1966. So far this winter, Des Moines has received 5.7 inches of snow. In order to beat the record set in 1965-1966, Des Moines would only be able to get 2.6 inches of snow the remainder of the winter. Some long-term models suggest the pattern may become a bit more active as we head into late January, so this record seems even less likely. Nonetheless, the city of Des Moines has experienced a nice reprieve from the very snowy early winters of recent years. Now we will have to wait and see what the rest of the winter might bring!

